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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2005 Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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